# Jimmy Mulligan May Coach the Track Team at Catholic University

## How to Play Billiards, the Great Indoor Game; Lessons Gleaned from Work of World's Cracks

Beginner Is First Told How Game Is Played, Then Instructed How to Play It.

By J. CLINTON RANSOM.

We have witnessed in Washington this Champion Billiard Players' League: we have seen the veterans. Frank Sherman and Alfredo De Oro, pitted against one another in pocket billiards, and several tournaments in balk-line and pocket bil-liards are in progress or are to be staged before summer. It seems fit, therefore, with this growing interest in billiards to record a few observations about the 'gentleman's game.'

First, billiards, whether straight-rail, balk-line, three-cushions, or pocket bil-liards, is one of the finest of Indoor games, and ought to be cultivated much more generally than it is. The game is not only a most interesting sport, but it one of great possibilities in the way of skill, accuracy, and scientific execu-tion. I would not concede greater skill r science to the golf, tennis, or baseball player than to the billiard player who really masters the game or acquires such mastery as to play respectably well. And strange enough, when it came to organ-izing the champion billiard players of America into a league to play in the various cities, only nine men could be found in balk-line to join it. Three-cushion billiards might marshal a greater number, as pocket billiard undoubtedly uld, but at best the number of men who are accounted masters in billiards is ri-diculously small considering the universality and excellence of the game. How the Game Is Played.

Billiards is now played on a flat table 10 by & feet, covered with green oth, the rails of the table being of rubber to furnish the necessary elac-ticity for the balls. Three ivory balls are used in the game, each 2.75 inches in diameter, and, according to the uality of the ivory, weighing about 1-2 ounces. The balls are propelled the weight of the cue varying from 15 to 22 ounces, according to the predelection of the player. In pocket billiards fifteen object balls and one cue ball is used. The pocket billiard table is 5 by 10 feet, and has pockets at each corner and midway of the side rails, into which the balls are propelled. cues \$5 each, one of the most equipments of any game

played in this country. Now, I take it, that the average bil-liand player, in the beginning, apsuched the game in a wholly wrong the game, who have been here this ve demonstrated by their play first of all a gentle game. no slam-banging by them billiards or pocket billiards. sometimes shoot with force, send the balls round and definite purpose, to make

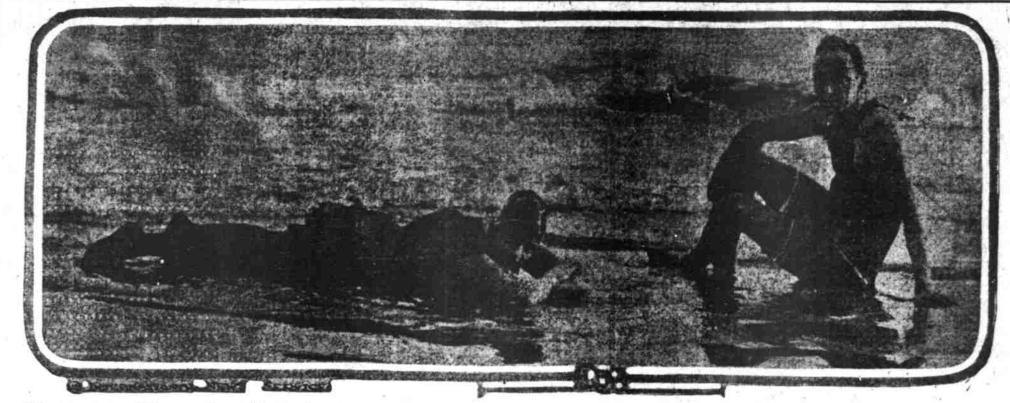
read so much about in the European var. namely, to be used rough and to he beaten about with sledge hammer hand when the Eagles down there have stroke and territic speed. Go Ensy with Your Shots.

This attitude toward the game is wholly rong, in the young player as well as the old. Nothing is more common than Buffalo hitsmith and the rising middleofted young men slamming the balls atta po kets or lashing them about the table as though ivery were steel and is an enlarged edition of Knockov in the armor plate. Let it be said that Brown, the New York light-weight. Beas though ivory were steel and ai way of playing billiards, especially among young players is wholly the heavier wallop, one that sends the foe wrong way, and that no excellence can down like a log when it lands on the achieved in the game until the player has divested himself entirely of the slat has divested himself entirely of the slain-hang methods. The strong cue and the fast stroke never got a man anothing. Brennen, either, and the result should the preliminary of six. For the first one fast stroke never got a man anything in billiards, and never will, as the experience and example of all the expert

to young non for that reason. In the hands of experts it is a remarkable game, giving room for the highest degree of skill and scientific accuracy of stroke. To play the game well, pocketing the object ball and gaining position for a following shot, requires the greatest steadiness and attention. Noisy boys, with their minds full of other things than the game and shooting swift, never did and never will develop high-class play. If the game is a social diversion and not one of skill there may be some reason for the conduct seen in the average billiard room, but it is explicable on no other basis.

Billiards comists in caroming one hall spaines the other and counting when hoth areas hit, the follow and combinations of one or more of the trademental strokes. Straight rail billiards allows the balls to be played in any position, and gives CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR. hands of experts it is a remarkable game, giving room for the highest de-

TWO OF CONEY ISLAND'S SNOWBIRDS



This picture looks as if it were taken at Palm Beach or San Diego, but it wasn't. The scene is good old Coney Island, New York State, and the time is January, 1915, The two bathers enjoying themselves in the tepid water of about 32 degrees Fahrenheit are members of the "Snowbird Club," who believe in enjoying the surf 365 days in the year, when i

## relief of the fvory, weighing about 1-2 ounces. The balls are propelled cues made of wood with leather tips. Knockout. Brennen Is Ready for Tuesday's Big Bout with Miller

Buffalo Slugger Expects to Arrive Here Tomorrow and Attend the Eagles' Oyster Roast.

ORIOLE BOY IS PRIMED

Knockput Brennen, the Buffalo slugger, who battles Young Herman Miller, of Baltimore, at the new Ardmore Club Tuesday night, intends getting in right with Washington fans right off the reel by appearing at the Eagles' big oyster roast tomorrow night. Brennen is a member of the organization and delights to show a diamond-studded fob, the gift learn of the local blowout, and told his manager that he would do his best to a

sports of the Capital. Brennen will try to land in Washingin the afternoon of Monday and be on their celebration," writes his manager, Allie Smith, "He's a loyal Eagle and is always willing to do anything for his fellow-members."

ing bigger and stronger, he packs a right spot. Young Herman Miller will

be a terrific slugging exhibition.

Young McCue vs. Kid Greek or Billy

Hon't need to tell Washington people

Murray vs. Buff Turner may be carded. and example of all the expertuilty proves. Then, why tolerate or try to perpetuate it? Billout a game of hard shots or the sooper the player is, and the sooper the player. bad play or try to perpetuate it? Billiards is not a game of hard shots or liards is not liards is not a gam

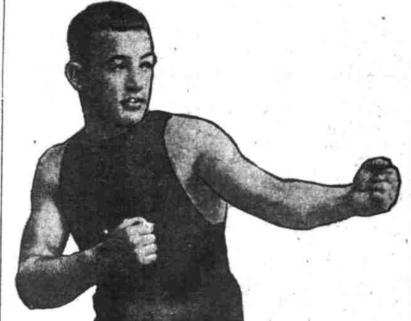
merits of the different forms of the game. Pocket billioris, as piaved by the experts, begins with the fifteen balls in close triangle eighteen in Philadelphia, but not as a middle wight. A victory over such a good man angular form at the upper end of the table, with the base of the triangle eighteen like with the base of the tr

ous variations, such as continuous pool, shooting the ball off in order from one to fifteen, pin pool, bottle pool, and other well-known forms of the game.

Pocket Billiards Popular.

Pocket Billiards is on the whole an easier game than billiards, and appeals to young men for that reason. In the hands of experts it is a remarkable game, giving room for the highest degree of skill and accentific accurages of skill and accentific accurage of skill and accentific accurage of skill and accentific accurages of skill and accentific accurages of skill and accentific accurage of skill accentific accurage of skill accentific accurage of skill accentific accurage of skill accentification accurag

#### SLUGGING BUFFALO MIDDLE-WEIGHT.



KAYO BRENNEN

The fast middle-weight from New York State, who meets Young Herman Miller, the speedy ring general from Baltimore, in the main bout at the Mary-land Athletic Club, at Ardmore, Md., on Tuesday night.

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LOSE IN BALTIMORE

#### BERWYN TEAM LOSES.

Game by 27 to 16 Score.

Berwyn, Md., Jan. 16.-The Company F



## Jimmy Mulligan May Coach C. U. Track Team

Former Hilltop Tutor Likely to Be Appointed at Meeting of the Council This Week.

#### HAS FAMOUS RECORD

By JOHN A. DUGAN.

For the past three years the Catholic University students have made brilliant efforts toward putting the Brooklanders on the map in the track and field game, but the proper facili-ties for the game and the right kind of encouragement was not forthcoming, and the result was the poor show

But the supporters of the old Red as the athletic council at the Brook-land institute is making preparations to secure a coach who will not be handicapped in any way by a ruling of the council. Jimmy Mulligan, who coached the successful Georgetown team during

the past two seasons is in line for the position, and it is a sure bet that if Jimmy is at the head of the sport, C. U. will have a real team. Stern, former Central High School and University of Virginia athlete, also has a bid in for the position, while applications have been received from on or two other leading coaches. A meeting of the athletic council

will be held early this week and an appointment will be made: In select-ing Mulligan the Catholic University authorities will be putting the right man in the right place, as the former Hilltop tutor has had a vast experi-ence in the cinder-path game, and is considered one of the best men in this section at developing athletes.

Mulligan was a track athlete of note.

were Mulligan's teammates in this rec-

This is not the only record mark which limmy can boast of, but when he was foning the spangles for the Hilltoppers Jimmy can beast of, but when he was doning the spangles for the Hilltoppers he held many of the collegiate records and also put new times on many of the south Atlantic figures. Sterns has been in the athletic field for a long time, afthough should he land this position it. in the athletic field for a long time, although should he land this position it will be the first time he has tried his

he Minnesota State League, Becker had a good season last year in the amateur ranks. He pitched for the Eastern club, the champions of the Potomac League, and Waverly club, of the Central League, and in both direction between the amateur batters

Company F, of Hyattsville, Lands have but little trouble in making good with the Minnesota State Leaguers because he has the goods and it is only up to him to deliver,



JIMMY MULLIGAN. tutor of Hillton track team

#### CHESTERTOWN TEAM EASY FOR MIDDIES

Navy Basket-ball Shooters Trim Washington College in Good Style by 45 to 9 Count.

Although the Eastern Shore lads fought hard all the way, they were so hopelessly

outclassed that the Middles did not have the game, and therefore the "Y" players have only their manager to blame for not playing the Nazal Academy team in-Buck Becker, the big local southpaw, to extend themselves much. The sallor comerly of the Nationala, has signed a contract to pitch for the Duluth team of have much difficulty in winning, and they have much difficulty in winning, and they Middles took the held it all the way. The held it all the way. The Fostion. took things comparatively easy. The

#### OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN. Western Golf - Association Names Officials for Year.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Western Golf Association tonight: President, George R. Balch, Cincinnall

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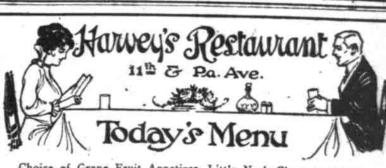
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### Neglect the Cause of Association's Forfeit

English Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce,

Unfortunately for the Y. M. C. A. players and for the record of the basket-ball team that the game with the Annapolis Midshipmen had to be balled up in the way that it was. Due only to the neglectrulness of the management is the only reason that the "Y" players did not approach the the "Y" players did not approach the transfer of the management is the only reason that the "Y" players did not approach the transfer of the management is the only reason that the "Y" players did not approach the transfer of the management is the only reason that the "Y" players did not approach the management is the only reason that the "Y" players did not approach the management is the only reason that the "Y" players did not approach the only reason that the management is the management is the management i pear for their game last Saturday at

Annapolis.
Instead of going to Annapolis the "Y" players took a trip to Lynchburg, Va., and met defeat at the hands of the local Y. M. C. A. quint of that town. While it was not a defeat to be sad or downonst about, it was a defeat just the same, and would it not have been better to have been defeated by the Navy instead

the 16th, but when he received a contract for a game with the Middies he did not take the trouble to look at the date of stead of the Virginia quint. A chance to play the Navy comes but once in a lifetime to an association team, and the "Y" players are today kicking

themselves for not looking into the mat-ter when they received a contract calling for the game. The George Washington basket-ball

Coach Schlosser must be given credit for the way he has whipped his bunch of players into fighting trim and the way the Buff and Blue boys have been travel-ing this season it is doubtful if any team

Their showing on the Southern trip is nothing to be and about, as they man-aged to slip a win over the Washington

wind and condition, the old-limers of the matter of the points of the game. Taking the was the question saked on all sides when the curtain was rung up on the 1815 backet-ball season. Well, will be

Y. M. C. A. Management Did be missed? From what has been seen of the Brookland team so far Tracy is almost, if not quite, forgotten. Caffrey, who is taking care of the hole left in C. U.'s line-up, has filled the bill to a nicety and nothing more could be asked of the youngster's playing. His shooting of free tosses from the foul line is of the best and his all around playing places him as one of the best on the learn.

The Catholic University quint is just as formidable this season as they were last year and Coach Fred Rice is conceded as having the best team in the District barrins none.

Gallaudet College is forging slowly to the front with an aggregation that is surely going to be heard from before the curtain is rung down. Jack Haas, who is in charge at the Kendall Green instithe charge at the Assistant Green land-tution, has brought his charges around and in their last preformance gave a creditable account of themselves. Haas has installed the Y. M. C. A. same at Kendall Green, and the passing of the Gallaudet players was worth watching. They would bring the ball-up the floor running a three man interference with two men behind, and it was the along that it was this alone that swept the Balti-more City College off their feet.

Not much dribbling was seen in the last game Gallaudet staged, but it was pans, pass, and before the season is very far advanced other teams will find when they stack up against the Gallaudet team they will have a hard-proposition on their hands.

Georgetown is having their troubles in getting a team together. Only two of the old players are left, Tormey and Kelly. These two men cannot play all of the same and some good experienced men are needed to make Georgetown a contempler such as they bear the contempler such as they bear the contempler and the contempler and the contempler are the contempler as they bear the contempler are the contempler and the contempler are the contender such as they have been in

team, while they can't boast of such sood players, have the old fight in them, and that accounts for the great showing they have been making this season.

Contender such as they have been in years gone by, Scott, formerly of the Business High School team, and Valk, late of the Y. M. C. A. quint, are out for the team and both boys may find a place on the five. Scott is a good center if in con-dition, and Valk, who has played both a good man for the Blue and Gray aggregation with a little

The National Guards are at it again. and some of the best games of the season are being played in the Armory gym. The company teams have banded together, and some of the players give promise of developing into real stars of the basket-tossing game.

Many of the old stars of the game the Western Golf Association tomate.

President, George R. Balch, Cincinnation of the grant of the basic president, Bruce D. Smith: secretary, George H. Henbery, Grechville Golf Club; treasurer, C. C. was give a visiting isam a tough endanged from the Golf Club; treasurer, C. C. Was give a visiting isam a tough endanged from the Golf Club; treasurer, C. C. Was give a visiting isam a tough endanged from the Golf Club; treasurer, C. C. Was give a visiting isam a tough endanged from the Golf Club; treasurer, C. C. Was give a visiting isam a tough endanged from the Golf stars of the basic stars of t